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RE: **Docket No.: 00-REN-1194**
2006 Renewable Energy Investment Plan

Dear California Energy Commission's Renewables Committee ("Committee"):

Sunray Energy, Inc. ("Sunray") appreciates the opportunity to comment on the 2006 Renewable Energy Investment Plan – Committee Draft Report dated January, 2006 and the Committee's acknowledgment of solar thermal generating resources providing critical peak output when the power is most needed by California's consumers. Solar thermal resources improve system reliability and provide environmental value.

The SEGS I and II facilities are a proven technology that have been in operation since the 1980's. While Sunray agrees that it is important to encourage new technologies, it should not be at the expense of the existing facilities that are the backbone of California's renewable energy present and future. It would also represent the worst possible public policy to divert funding to new technologies, most of which will take many years to come on-line, while existing renewable facilities, such as Sunray's, are deprived of the small but important incentives needed to keep them operational.

Sunray is in agreement with the Committee's recommendation to allow certain solar thermal facilities to continue to receive funding through the Existing Renewable Facilities Program. Since inception of the CEC program, the SEGS I and II facilities have received approximately 1% of all funds distributed to existing Tier 1 facilities. As a result of these CEC incentive payments, Sunray has been able to make many needed repairs and improve the efficiency of the facilities. These CEC payments have been extremely helpful in keeping Sunray operational. Sunray is also pleased that the Report supports the use of available funding to allow these solar projects to make cost effective improvements that will increase project output and/or availability, particularly when those improvements cannot otherwise be made due to inadequate energy payments.

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Sunray looks forward to working with the CEC in implementing the 2006 Renewable Energy Investment Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Wills", written in a cursive style.

Eric Wills
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